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A Full and True

ACCOUNT

OF A

Great and Signal Victory

Gain'd by the

Imperialists over the Turks.

Dated from *Vienna* the 8th of *September*.

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ON the Sixth of this Month Count *Castelli*, General of Batalia, and Baron *Smidberg*, having been dispatch'd by Prince *Lowis* of *Baden* to the Emperour, brought the following Particulars of a great Victory gain'd over the *Turks*.

That the *Imperial* Army, which he commands in *Servia*, came on the 21st of *August* to *Konighfelt*, notwithstanding the steepness and difficulty of the Mountains, which are interlac'd with Moorasses, so as that they were become impassable by the continual Rains, with which its march had been extreamly incommoded, from the time it had passed the *Morava*, for the going in pursuit of the *Serasquier*, who was retreating towards *Nissa*. That the same day he came in view of the *Ottoman* Army, which was drawn up in Battle-array upon Hills. That on the 22d the *Serasquier* retired towards *Pagodina*, behind the River *Morava*, which falls into the *Danube*, where he remain'd Encamp'd till the 26th, for the assembling all his numerous Forces, consisting of Sixty Thousand Men, according to the Report of Spies and Deserters. That the Prince had endeavoured to pass that River, so to attack the *Turks*: But the ill ways having hinder'd the expeditious bringing up of the Boats, and other necessary Materials for making a Bridge, he had made semblance of retreating, that so by this feint he might draw the *Serasquier* out of the advantagious Posts he possessed, and come to some great Action. After this, on the 29th of the same Month, being St. *John's* Day; which the *Turks* hold to be happy and fortunat to their Arms, that Prince being return'd with the *Imperial* Army to the Neighbourhood of *Potaschin*, or *Baraschin*, caus'd his Army to be Marshall'd in Battel-array, on the Banks of the *Morava*. The Night before, the Bridge-master caus'd two Bridges to be laid over that River, with so much Diligence, that to Reward his Pains and Labours, that Prince had given him a Gratification of a Thousand *Florins*. Ten Thousand *Turks* that had pass'd that River over their own Bridges, with a design to Charge our Reer, were Encounter'd by one of our Detachments that was sent to view them; and after a slight Skirmish, it returned to joyn our Camp, with a *Chiaux* and four *Tartars* they had taken Prisoners, being not strong enough

nough any longer to make head againſt them with advantage. The 10000 *Turks* ſeeing our Party retreat, purſued it into the very ſight of our Camp, whence great Detachments of Cavalry and Dragoons, were made to drive them back; but while they were engag'd, the Prince of *Baden* caus'd part of his Foot to paſs to the other ſide of the *Morava*, with deſign to Attack the main Body of the *Turks*, ſince they expreſs'd ſo much eagerneſs to Fight upon a belief, it was out of fear that our Army retired: we had no ſooner three Battalions, and five Squadrons on the other ſide, but that the *Ottomans* came to Charge them moſt furiouſly with their *Drawn-Sabres*; but having met our * *Chevaux de Frize*, who ſtop'd their Cavalry, the *Imperialiſts* kill'd a great number of them in this Action, and they were forc'd to fall back into the *Defilees*, where they ſtood our coming up: Then it was, that our Cavalry that had been Detatched againſt 10000 *Turks*, who would have Charg'd our Reer, repulſ'd them, and forc'd them to repaſs the *Morava* as faſt as they could. Our whole Army being paſs'd, the *Turks* reinforc'd themſelves in the *Defilees*, they poſſeſſed before the Plain which they covered, and which had a Wood on one ſide, and Hills on the other. The Entrance into the Plain, into which the *Defilees* led, was interlac'd with ſeveral *Mooraſſes*, which rendred the Acceſs to it very difficult. The Prince of *Baden* cauſed the Regiments of *Seraw* and *Kiſſel*, who were in the Van of the *Army*, to drive the Enemies from their *Defilees*. There needed no more than to give our Men to underſtand that they muſt purſue the *Ottomans*, and not let the occaſion, they had, ſlip of gaining a great Victory, , to ſet the Horſe and Foot upon paſſing a-croſs thoſe *Mooraſſes* in the Water up to the Middle, nay up to their very Shoulders, holding up their *Arms* and Weapons, to hinder them from being wet; and according as they paſs'd, they formed themſelves into Squadrons and Battalions, until that at length, all being paſs'd, and the Battel drawn up in Battel-array, our Troops march'd directly upon the Enemy, who ſtood our coming up upon a Hill; and they attack'd the Infidels with ſo much Courage and Fierceneſs, that they forc'd their Entrenchments, notwithſtanding their Oppoſition; and after having kill'd a vaſt Number, forc'd them to betake themſelves to Flight.

By this Victory we remain'd Maſters of the *Turks* Camp, of all their Baggage, Tents, Carriages, Ammunition and Proviſions, as alſo of a hundred and five *Pieces* of Cannon, of ſeveral Mortar-pieces, of a vaſt number of Colours and Standards, of the Great Horſes Tail (which is the *Turks* Great Standard), and abundance, of other Riches, inſomuch that the Soldiers rejoice in a World of Booty. They Attack'd them with that vigor, that after a Fight of about 4 hours, there were 50000 Routed, 20000 Killed, and 6000 taken Priſoners. Count *Caſtelli* and Baron *Smidbergh*, who brought the firſt Account, departed from the Camp immediatly after this great Victory, which we hope to be able ſhortly to give a more individual Account of.

Prince *Lowis*, after this happy Succeſs, which coſt not the Imperialiſts 1000 Men, continued his *March* towards *Niſſa*, to deſtroy the Enemies great *Magazines* there.

* A Term in Fortification, ſignifying Poſts Armed with Spikes.

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